

Morishima, Intertribal Timber Council, Portland, Oregon; James T. Martin, United South and Eastern Tribes, Nashville, Tennessee; Edward K. Thomas, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau; and Charles O. Tillman, Jr., Osage Nation, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and Bill Martin, Juneau, Alaska, both on behalf of the Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ralph R. Beistline, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, D. Brooks Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Randy Crane, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David C. Bury, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Beistline was introduced by Senators Stevens and Murkowski, Mr. Smith was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, Mr. Crane was introduced by Senator Gramm and Representative Hinojosa, and Mr. Bury was introduced by Senator Kyl.

U.S. PORT SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine the security of U.S. ports against terror, focusing on technology, resources, and homeland defense, after receiving testimony from Capt. William G. Schubert, Maritime Administrator, and Rear Adm. Kenneth T. Venuto, Director of Operations Policy, United States Coast Guard, both of the Department of Transportation; Bonni G. Tischler, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U. S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Richard D. Steinke, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities; F. Amanda DeBusk, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, and former Commissioner, Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports, Washington, D.C.; Kim E. Peterson, Maritime Security Council, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Rob Quartel, Freightdesk Technologies, Inc., McLean, Virginia; and Charles W. Upchurch, SGS Global Trade Solutions, Inc., New York, New York, on behalf of the Global Alliance for Trade Efficiency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3784–3798; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 83; H. Con. Res. 333–334, and H. Res. 349 and 351 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 350, providing for consideration of H.R. 1542, to deregulate the Internet and high speed data services (H. Rept. 107–361).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Biggert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the Washington Monument Observance of George Washington's Birthday: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Bartlett of Maryland to represent the House at wreath-laying ceremonies at the Washington Monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday held on Friday, February 22, 2002. Subsequently, agreed that the pro-

gram and the remarks made by Representative Bartlett be inserted in today's Congressional Record.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Family Sponsor Immigration: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 39) clearing the measure for the President;

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Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments: S. 1206, to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965—clearing the measure for the President; and

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Tragic Eruption of the Nyiragongo Volcano in the Congo: H. Con. Res. 304, amended, expressing sympathy to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo who were tragically affected by the eruption of the Nyiragongo volcano on January 17, 2002, and supporting an increase in the amount of assistance provided by the United States to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 40). Amended the title so as to read "Concurrent resolution expressing sympathy to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo who were tragically affected by the eruption of the Nyiragongo volcano on January 17, 2002." **Pages H533–35, H536–37**

Recessed: The House recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H535**

Committee Resignation and Election—Committee on International Relations: Read a letter from Representative Burr wherein he announced his resignation from the Committee on International Relations. Subsequently the House agreed to H. Res. 349, electing Representative Green of Wisconsin to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H535**

National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Hans P. Blaschek of Champaign, Illinois to the Board of Directors of the National Urban Air Toxics Research Center. **Page H535**

First Sponsor: Agreed that hereafter Representative DeMint will be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 2714, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. The bill was originally introduced by former Representative Largent. **Page H537**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H525.

Referrals: S. 980 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure. S.J. Res. 32 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H557**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H536, H536–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education held a hearing on SSA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Social Security Administration: JoAnne B. Barnhart, Commissioner; and James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General.

NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Department of Energy Reorganization held a hearing on the implementation of the National Nuclear Security Administration of the provisions contained in Title 32 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000. Testimony was heard from Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF (Ret.), Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Gary Jones, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

RETIREMENT PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Retirement Protection: Fighting fraud in the sale of death." Testimony was heard from Dan Mihalko, Inspector in Charge, Congressional and Public Affairs Division, U.S. Postal Service; the following officials of the State of Ohio: J. Lee Covington II, Director, Department of Insurance; and Thomas E. Geyer, Assistant Director, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on "The National Drug Control Strategy for 2002." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of National Drug Control Policy: John Walters, Director; and David Riviat, Budget Chief.

HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held a hearing on "Helping Federal Agencies Meet Their Homeland Security Missions: How Private Sector Solutions Can Be Applied to Public Sector Problems." Testimony was heard from Pat Schambach, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; Fernando